

Report

Report to:	Roads Safety Forum
Date of Meeting:	7 May 2024
Report by:	Local Authority Liaison Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS)

Subject:	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) – South Lanarkshire Area Road Safety Update
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ update the Roads Safety Forum on forthcoming campaigns
- ◆ discuss ongoing national and local campaigns

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Forum is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the information set out in this report in relation road safety campaigns be noted; and
- (2) that the verbal update regarding these road safety campaigns be noted.

3. Background

3.1. In terms of the remit of the South Lanarkshire Roads Safety Forum, it has been agreed that the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) will provide routine updates on national and local issues and campaigns relating to keeping people living and working in South Lanarkshire safer on our roads.

4. Local and National issues

- 4.1. SFRS attended a total of 34 road traffic collisions (RTCs) in Q4 of 2023/2024. This is an increase of 12 from 22 in the same reporting period of 2022/2023. The incidents were spread across South Lanarkshire with the highest figure recorded within Clydesdale (15).
- 4.2. There were 33 non-fatal casualties, again these were spread across South Lanarkshire. We have recorded an increase of 4 from the same reporting period last year.
- 4.3. During Q4 we recorded 1 fatal casualty within South Lanarkshire in 2023/2024. This is an increase from zero with the same reporting period in the previous year.
- 4.4. SFRS South Lanarkshire Area are committed to ensuring the road network is safe. where trends are identified, a proportionate engagement plan will be created and implemented along with partners and the Road Safety Governance Board.

Community Action Team Activities in Q4 2023/2024

- ◆ Met with British Transport Police to discuss rolling out Road Safety presentations to Operational Crews.
- ◆ Visited Hamilton Grammar to discuss Drive to Arrive with S5 pupils.
- ◆ SHIELD Workshops - Road Safety Presentations and Advice Delivered
- ◆ Road and Water Safety event at Drumpellier Park
- ◆ Fire Reach course for young people from Carluke

4.5. National Campaigns

- ◆ Older Drivers Campaign – Age effects driving ability and is reflected in statistics in terms of accidents.
- ◆ 20mph Campaign – If you hit someone at 30mph they are 7 times more likely to die than at 20mph. Speed limits will be reduced on all appropriate roads.
- ◆ Pavement Parking Campaign – Forcing people from the pavement onto the road increases risk of accidents. Lanarkshire Operational Fire Crews are aware of how to report internally so that we can notify South Lanarkshire Council.

SFRS Incident Data Relating to RTCs			
	Q4 2022/2023	Q4 2023/2024	% change
Total number of RTCs	22	34	+55%
Incidents with a fatality	0	1	+100%
Total number of fatalities	0	1	+100%
Non-fatal casualties	29	33	+14%

5. Future Engagements

- 5.1. During Q1, Lanarkshire's Community Action Team will continue to deliver the Road Safety message via our Virtual Reality based presentations to local High Schools, young drivers and third sector groups. These members of staff are now able to focus their efforts on engaging with young drivers and those identified through partnership working to deliver road safety education.
- 5.2. Our Youth Volunteer Scheme is well on the under way with 4 new Adult Instructors and 12 young people from across Lanarkshire and surrounding areas that have been carefully identified to take part in the three-year rolling scheme. Road Safety will form an integral part of this course.
- 5.3. Our Fire Reach courses are now in place within Lanarkshire and young people from across Lanarkshire have been carefully identified to take part in the weeks course with Road Safety forming an integral part of this course. South Lanarkshire funding will allow us to run approximately 6 to 8 courses over the next year.
- 5.4. Road and Water Safety Event at Strathclyde Park with Police and Operational Fire Crews in June 2024
- 5.5. Community Action Team will tie in with the national Older Drivers Campaign by visiting places where elderly drivers are commonly found for example, Garden Centres in Clyde Valley, golf courses and nurseries in South Lanarkshire. Our aim is to educate Older Drivers to make them more risk aware and not to prevent them from driving.

6. Employee Implications

- 6.1. There are no employee implications.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. There are no financial implications.

8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 8.1. There are no significant implications in terms of climate change, sustainability and environmental issues associated with this report.

9. Other Implications

- 9.1. There are no implications for risk in terms of the information contained within this report.

10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 10.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy, therefore, no impact assessment is required.
- 10.2. There was not requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained in this report.

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Previous References

- ♦ None.

List of Background Papers

- ♦ None.

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